

# PHEASANTS FOREVER NEWS

WINTER ISSUE  
2022

PHEASANTS FOREVER **CALGARY** NEWSLETTER  
Created for our members by our members



# OUR DINNER IS BACK



## CALGARY DINNER & AUCTION

**TICKETS ON SALE  
NOW!**

**Wednesday  
April 27, 2022**

**Doors open at 5:00pm**

Palomino Room BMO Centre  
Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta



*"After two canceled dinner events, we are working hard to adjust to ever changing Covid-19 and Omicron rules to hold this event and still make it our best ever. We may need to make last minute adjustments and we will be prepared for that. For now, we hope that you can all make it and will mark it on your calendars."*

- Perry McCormick, Managing Director Pheasants Forever Calgary

If you purchased a ticket for the 2020 dinner that was canceled due to covid-19, those ticket(s) are still valid. Terri bass will be in touch to confirm your attendance.

**Buy your tickets now!**

<https://www.pfcalgary.ca/2022-dinner-auction/>



**EVERY DONOR** COUNTS  
**EVERY ACRE** TELLS A STORY

In the uplands, we have a treasure unlike any other in the world.

From vast golden prairies that stretch across the continent to quiet forests that make the world disappear, every wild place holds a promise—a chance to escape, to reconnect, to come alive. The uplands are part of who we are: a gift from past generations of dedicated hunters and conservationists, inscribed with memories and promising new adventures.

Join the Call of the Uplands campaign to protect and restore habitat and cultivate the next generation of conservationists and hunters. This is our best chance to bring together dedicated citizens, hunter conservationists, farmers, ranchers, and new partners with a common cause.

**Donate Online!**

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**Answer the call today.**

For more information download the brochure or contact Perry McCormick: [perry@pfcalgary.ca](mailto:perry@pfcalgary.ca) 1 (403) 995-9960 ext. 102

# Answer the call today.



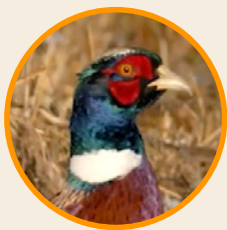
## NEW DONOR LEVELS ANNOUNCED

The new year brings two new levels of giving to the Call of the Uplands campaign. In addition to Life, Patron, Gold Patron, we are pleased to announce the Upland Advocate (\$50,000) and Conservation Ally (\$100,000).

In addition to sponsorship, we are encouraging anyone interested in upland habitat conservation to support the campaign by:

- [Becoming a member](#)
- [Participating in an event](#)
- [Donating cash or an item](#)
- [Volunteering](#)

For more information please download the campaign brochure, view the video or contact Perry at [perry@pfcalgary.ca](mailto:perry@pfcalgary.ca)  
1 (403) 995-9960 ext. 102.



**View the Call of the  
Uplands Video**



**DOWNLOAD BROCHURE**



Thank you to our  
**CHAMPIONS  
OF THE UPLANDS**  
for answering the call.

### **GOLD PATRONS**

David Bissett  
Cam Clark  
Stan Grad  
Mike Mannas  
Neil MacKenzie  
Bob & Sandra Merkley  
Harvey & Leslie McKernon  
Glen & Erin Rumpel

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Graham Becker  
Matt Campbell  
Blackstone Drilling Fluids  
Murray Dorren  
Darin Dunlop  
Ruben Garcia  
Scott Haggins  
Chris & Helen Kolozetti  
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Pat Powell  
Scott Price  
John Robinson  
Kevin Rome  
Paul Saks  
Jim Saunders  
Dave Scott  
Nick Stanford  
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### **LIFE MEMBERS**

Bruce Malcolm  
Paul McDougall

### **HABITAT LEGACY FUND**

Perry & Laurette McCormick

**Easier than ever to donate online!**

<https://www.pfcalgary.ca/donate/>

## 2021 PF CALGARY PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

We had a record number of entries for the 2021 photo contest. Congratulations to the winner and to the following honourable mentions. Great shooting!

### FIRST PLACE WINNER:



by Jordan Dorozio

# 2021 PF CALGARY PHOTO CONTEST HONOURABLE MENTIONS

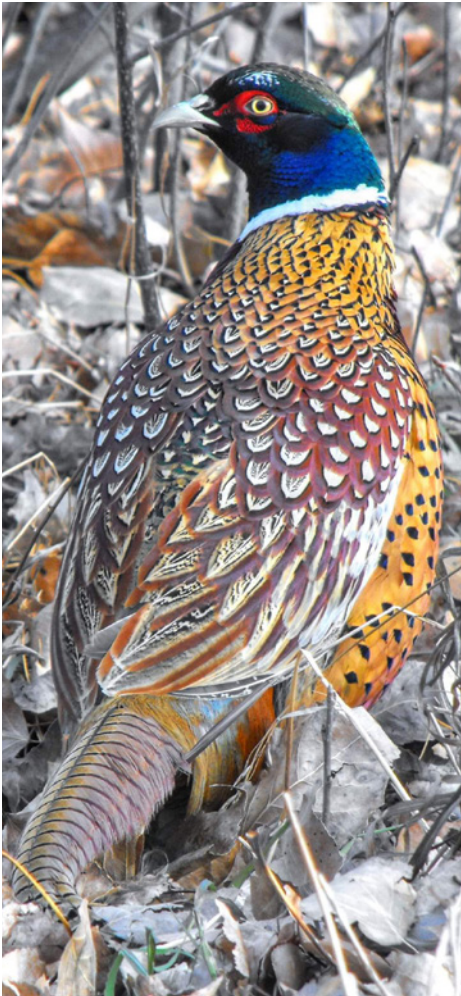


by Dean Orosz



By Sandra Schindel

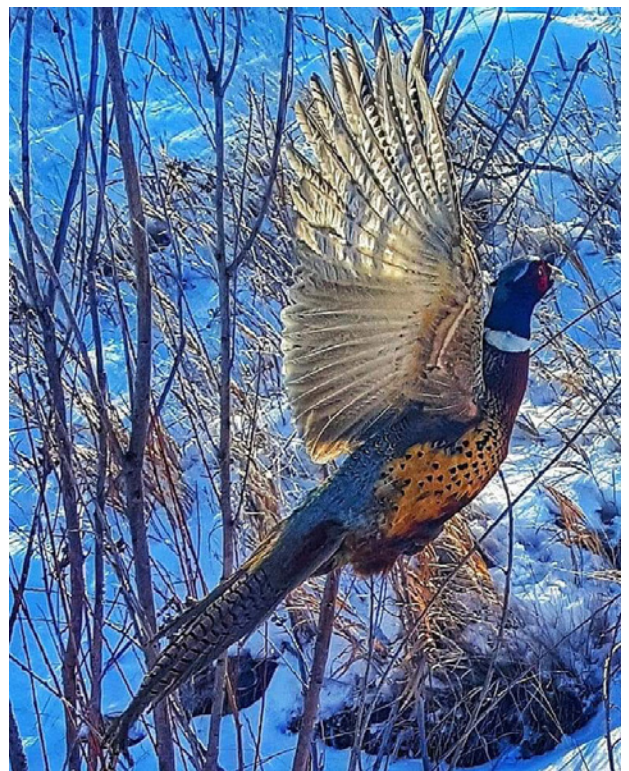
# 2021 PF CALGARY PHOTO CONTEST HONOURABLE MENTIONS



by Lillian Rosic



by Alex Cummins



by Michael Leir



By Petar Lazic

# REGISTER EARLY

## SPRING SHOOT EVENT 2022

# PHEASANT FEVER



## BOOK EARLY FOR PHEASANT FEVER V

June 10 & 11, 2022

- 4-Person Team Buddy Shoot - \$1000/team - Ammunition supplied.
- European Style – Book your ‘shoot time’ – come and go format
- Silver Willow and Pheasants Forever have come up with a unique and safe shoot design that respects the laws and norms of the day.
- The 4-person team format will occur as in the past shoots. Shooters simply alternate who they partner with on their team at each station.
- Shoot times can be booked on the half hour, starting at 9:00am with the last shoot at 3:00pm.
- Teams can select morning or afternoon preference at registration.

**TO REGISTER GO TO** <https://www.pfcalgary.ca/sporting-events/>  
Or contact Terri Bass at Pheasants Forever Calgary 403.336.1145 (cell) or [terri@pfcalgary.ca](mailto:terri@pfcalgary.ca)



Pics from Pheasant Fever IV (2021)



## WINTER STUFF

### Congratulations to the winner of the Fausti shotgun!

Thank you to everyone who purchased  
a ticket in the Upland Special Raffle!



Jamie Mangin of Red Deer, Alberta



### ORANGE CHICKEN, WITH PHEASANT

by Hank Shaw



GET THE RECIPE



From the **Hunter Angler Gardener Cook**, the Internet's largest source of recipes and know-how for wild foods. Hank is a chef, author, and yes, hunter, angler, gardener, forager and cook.



## Pheasants Forever Canada News

The Board of Director's of Pheasant Forever Canada is proud to unveil its updated website. Please visit it and let us know what you think.

**Visit the new site!**

<https://pheasantsforever.ca>

## CONSERVATION FEATURE

# Brooks Aqueduct Pheasant Release Site Enhancement Project



**The Brooks and District Fish and Game Association (BFGA) is embarking on a habitat enhancement project to plant and irrigate approximately 12,000 trees and shrubs on 20 acres in a portion of the Brooks Aqueduct Site.**

The conservation area, which is managed by the BFGA, began as a Buck for Wildlife project that was initiated in the 1970s. The first phase of the project included new ditches with trees and habitat re-established south of the existing parking lot that then extended west and then north to the Brooks Aqueduct trout pond. Subsequently, the second half of the project was completed, which included the 20 acres targeted for enhancement. This water delivery system provided irrigation to the trees and shelterbelts but was discontinued approximately 20 years ago and is no longer usable.

With grant funding a few years ago, the County of

Newell planted new trees south of the parking lot, which the County waters occasionally. Also located within the area is the trout pond. The EID monitors the water level of the pond and adds water in the spring and late fall as necessary. Over the years, there have been many



# Brooks Aqueduct

## Pheasant Release Site Enhancement Project

*continued...*

dedicated and valued volunteers who spend their time and efforts maintaining the conservation area.

This conservation area provides significant ecological value as well as recreational value for the surrounding communities and its members. Located south of the Brooks Aqueduct National and Provincial Historic Site, it also provides visitors to the Brooks Aqueduct recreational opportunities to enjoy in the area.

The area is used year-round for recreational activities. In the summer, folks often canoe, kayak, and fish on the trout pond and walk the beautiful nature trail around the pond. In the winter, ice fishing, skating, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and walking are popular activities. The property is also utilized as a pheasant release site. This project would enhance recreational value of the property, including the hunting experience for the pheasant release and opportunities for bird and wildlife viewing.

The existing trees, shrubs and wetland vegetation provide important habitat areas for many wildlife species. The completion of this habitat enhancement project will provide additional habitat and nesting areas for both game and non-game wildlife including deer, waterfowl, pheasants and songbirds.

For this habitat enhancement project to be successful and continue to provide the value described above, the project objectives include:

- Completion of site surveys
- Completion of preparation work for tree planting
- Installation of a water delivery system to/on property
- Planting of approximately 12,000 trees and shrubs
- Completion of ditch preparation work including repair of existing ditches and construction of new ditches
- Maintain consistent water supply to the site (ongoing)

The BFGA has a long history of involvement in this area and is dedicated to successfully executing this project to preserve and maintain the integrity of this unique conservation area. **Pheasants Forever Calgary** is a committed partner along with the Eastern Irrigation District in this project.

Further funding is being sought.



# Brooks Aqueduct Pheasant Release Site Enhancement Project

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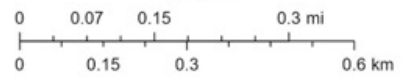
Sketch plan of the conservation area:



10/31/2021

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Irrigated Parcels       | Drains                 | Quarter Section Label |
| Deliveries              | Highways/Roads/Streets | Section Label         |
| Conveyance Works        | Provincial Highways    | Property - Rural      |
| Main Canal: Earth       | County Roads           | Title Parcels         |
| Lateral Canal: Earth    | Resource Roads         | Legal Subdivisions    |
| Lateral Canal: Pipeline | Railroad               | Private Grazing Lease |



Altalis, EID, Province of Alberta (Township Grid), EID, M. Porter, EID, EID, County of Newell

# STANDING UP FOR DITCHES

Starting this spring Pheasants Forever Canada will roll out communications regarding the value of public roadside ditches right-of-ways and why we should keep them natural for wildlife habitat and other ecological goods and services. **Keep an eye out for communications starting in March at [pheasantsforever.ca](http://pheasantsforever.ca)!**

All communications will be available at the all new [pheasantsforever.ca](http://pheasantsforever.ca) website!

For more information, please email [perry@pfcalgary.ca](mailto:perry@pfcalgary.ca).

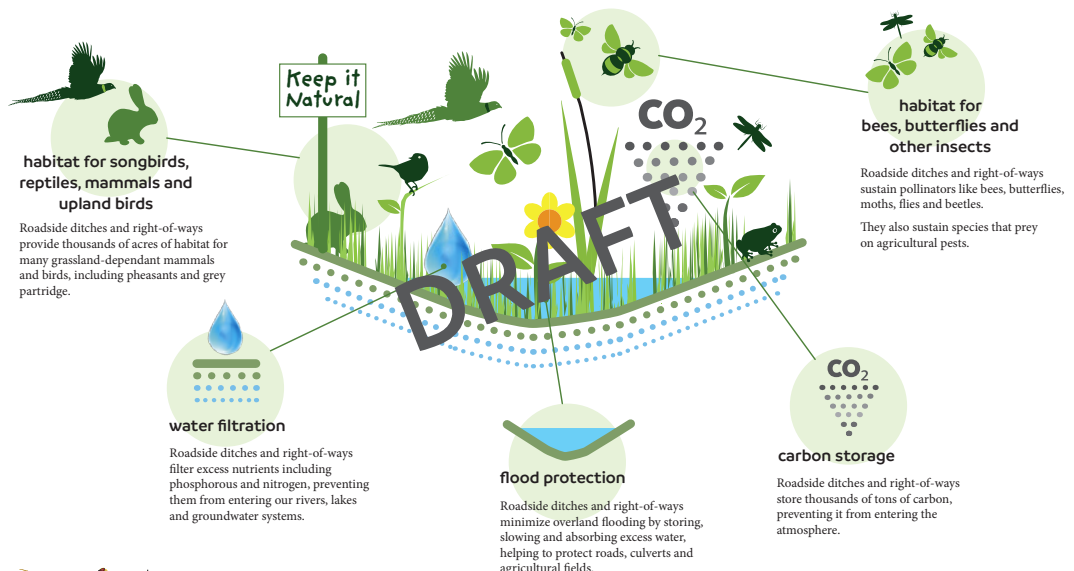


## Save the Edges!

The natural benefits of leaving public roadside ditches and right-of-ways intact.



An infographic will be available for download.



**Keep public roadside ditches and right-of-ways natural.**

Funding provided by Alberta Environment and Parks

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# STANDING UP FOR DITCHES



A factsheet will be made available.

Billboard, radio and print ads will be purchased this spring.

## Save the Edges!

### What is *Save the Edges!*

*Save the Edges!* is an awareness campaign highlighting the impact of trespass farming on public roadside ditches and undeveloped right-of-ways. The campaign promotes enhanced protection of these important public lands in southern Alberta, and is made possible by a grant to **Pheasants Forever Canada** from Alberta Environment and Parks.

### When is this happening?

This is a two-year project beginning in March of 2022.

### Where will *Save the Edges!* be focused?

The focus is on southern Alberta municipalities that have had the greatest loss of public roadside ditch and right-of-way habitat including the MD of Acadia, Cypress County, County of Forty Mile, County of Warner, MD of Taber, Lethbridge County, Cardston County, Vulcan County, County of Newell, Wheatland County, MD of Willow Creek, Kneehill County, Starland County and Special Areas 1, 2 and 3.

### Why it's Important to *Save the Edges!*

- **Wildlife Habitat** – Many songbirds, small mammals, reptiles and upland birds, including pheasants and grey partridges, live on the edges. These species are heavily dependent on the abundance and availability of food resources and breeding habitat provided by natural roadside ditches and right-of-ways. In some areas, these edges provide the only available habitat.
- **Pollinator Habitat and Pest Control** – These linear strips of habitat serve as important reservoirs for pollinators, including bees and butterflies. They are also home to many species that play an important role in suppressing populations of agricultural pests.
- **Flood Protection** – Naturally-vegetated roadside ditches play a critical role in slowing, storing and absorbing excess water moving across the landscape. Minimizing the speed and amount of overland flooding protects municipal roads and culverts, and reduces the erosion of agricultural soils.
- **Filtering Excess Nutrients** – Naturally-vegetated roadside ditches and right-of-ways are important buffers that filter excess nutrients, including phosphorous, nitrogen and other chemical products. Without these buffers, these nutrients would run unabated into our lakes and rivers, leading to deteriorated water quality.
- **Storing Carbon** – The vegetation and soils in natural roadside ditches and right-of-ways store carbon, providing a much-needed public service in the fight against climate change.

### What will *Save the Edges!* Accomplish?

It is the goal of this project to provide information that influences landowners and municipalities to reverse the trend of trespass farming, resulting in increased retention of roadside ditches and right-of-ways in their natural state, and the restoration of those previously impacted.



**Keep public roadside ditches  
and right-of-ways natural.**

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# Hey You!

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES  
FOR TALES, TRAILS & TAILS TO  
[perry@pfcalgary.ca](mailto:perry@pfcalgary.ca)

## Call out for **trespass farming** images!

While you are out and about, if you spot trespass farming in public roadside ditches or right-of-ways, please snap a picture and send it to [perry@pfcalgary.ca](mailto:perry@pfcalgary.ca) with a brief description of where you took the pic.

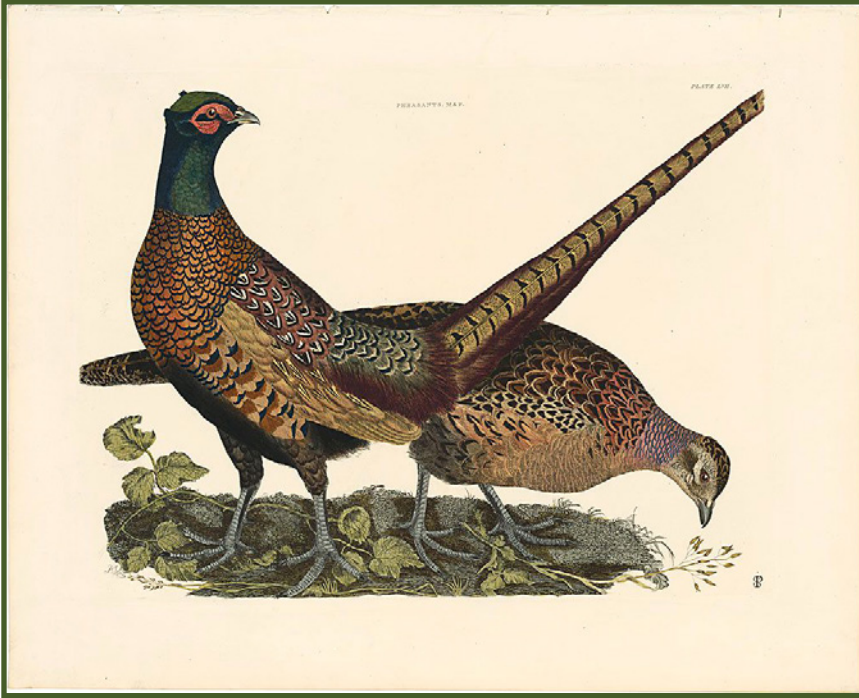
These images will help us communicate the importance of returning these edge habitats to natural areas.

## THROUGH THICK & THIN - ALWAYS WITH US!



Thank you for your continued support.

## PHEASANT ART



This plate was created for the *Illustrations of British Ornithology*.

It was illustrated by Prideaux John Selby, an English naturalist born in 1788. He is considered the Audubon of England compiling a set of illustrations of every bird found in the British Isles, drawn life-size. Selby drew and water colored all of his birds and with the assistance of his brother-in-law, Captain Mitford who etched most of the plates and taught Selby the art of etching.

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# IMPORTANT DATES

**March 15, 2022**

*Annual General Meeting*

**April 27, 2022**

*Pheasant Forever Calgary Dinner*

**June 10 & 11, 2022**

*Fiera Capital Pheasant Fever*

**September 8, 2022**

*Directors Invitational*

**September 24, 2022**

*Youth/Novice Fall Shoot*

**September (TBA)**

*Post Secondary*

*First Pheasant Hunt*



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